

CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator: Ethan Waterman	Team: Squad #14	CCRB Case #: 201905113	<input type="checkbox"/> Force	<input type="checkbox"/> Discourt.	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S.
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> O.L.	<input type="checkbox"/> Injury
Incident Date(s) Wednesday, 06/12/2019 6:00 PM	Location of Incident: Over the telephone	Precinct: 17	18 Mo. SOL 12/12/2020	EO SOL 7/29/2021	
Date/Time CV Reported Wed, 06/12/2019 8:07 PM	CV Reported At: CCRB	How CV Reported: On-line website	Date/Time Received at CCRB Wed, 06/12/2019 8:07 PM		

Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Address

Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command
1. POM Gregory Rittenhouse	13958	940637	017 PCT

Witness Officer(s)	Shield No	Tax No	Cmd Name
1. SPA Ramel Cooper		358438	017 PCT

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
A.POM Gregory Rittenhouse	Abuse: Police Officer Gregory Rittenhouse refused to provide his name to § 87(2)(b)	
B.POM Gregory Rittenhouse	Abuse: Police Officer Gregory Rittenhouse refused to provide his shield number to § 87(2)(b)	

Case Summary

On June 12, 2019, § 87(2)(b) filed this complaint with the CCRB online.

On June 12, 2019, at approximately 6:00 p.m., § 87(2)(b) went to the 17th Precinct stationhouse to report credit card fraud. § 87(2)(b) spoke to § 87(2)(b) and PO Gregory Rittenhouse, who told § 87(2)(b) that he did not have enough evidence to file a report. When § 87(2)(b) later called the 17th Precinct stationhouse, PO Rittenhouse allegedly refused to provide his name and shield number (**Allegations A and B: Abuse of Authority**, § 87(2)(g)).

§ 87(2)(b) was not arrested or summonsed during this incident.

Stationhouse surveillance footage was obtained from the 17th Precinct. However, the footage contains no audio and therefore did not capture the allegations.

Findings and Recommendations

Allegation (A) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Gregory Rittenhouse refused to provide his name to § 87(2)(b)

Allegation (B) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Gregory Rittenhouse refused to provide his shield number to § 87(2)(b)

§ 87(2)(b) testified (Board Review 01) that after he left the 17th Precinct stationhouse, he called there to obtain the “identifying information” of PO Rittenhouse. § 87(2)(b) spoke to PO Rittenhouse, whose voice § 87(2)(b) recognized from his earlier in-person interaction. § 87(2)(b) told PO Rittenhouse that he made a complaint regarding his refusal to report the credit card fraud and stated that he needed his “identifying information.” PO Rittenhouse did not provide his name and shield number, but instead told § 87(2)(b) “I am the one you spoke to [at the stationhouse]” and denied that he refused to take his report. § 87(2)(b) ended the call without obtaining PO Rittenhouse’s name or shield number. § 87(2)(b) did not have PO Rittenhouse’s name or shield number when he filed his CCRB complaint.

PO Rittenhouse testified (Board Review 02) that he spoke to § 87(2)(b) over the phone and informed him that he was the officer who § 87(2)(b) spoke to earlier. PO Rittenhouse reiterated the procedure for reporting credit card fraud and § 87(2)(b) stated that he planned to file his report elsewhere and disengaged the call. PO Rittenhouse denied that § 87(2)(b) requested his name or shield number and denied that he ever refused to provide his name or shield number.

§ 87(2)(b) (Board Review 03) had no recollection of this incident or overhearing hearing a phone call between PO Rittenhouse and § 87(2)(b). § 87(2)(b) did not recall hearing any officer refuse to provide their name or shield number.

§ 87(2)(g)

Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

- This is the first complaint to which § 87(2)(b) has been a party (Board Review 04).
- PO Rittenhouse has been a member of service for 13 years and has been a subject in eight prior CCRB complaints and 15 allegations, none of which were substantiated. § 87(2)(g)

Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories

- § 87(2)(b) declined to mediate this complaint.
- On December 10, 2019, a Notice of Claim inquiry was sent to the New York City Office of the Comptroller and will be included in the case file upon receipt.

- [§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]
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